

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF APRIL 7TH, 1937.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Governor, Annapolis, Maryland on April 7th, 1937.

Present:

Harry W. Nice, Governor.  
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer,  
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Honorable Wm. M. Maloy, Chief Executive Director of the Unemployment Compensation Division, reporting receipts and disbursements and operating expenses of the Division for the period ended April 2nd, 1937.

The statement showed a Federal Grant for budget period January 1st, 1937 to March 31st, 1937 of \$73,095.61, with expenditures totaling \$39,407.33, leaving a balance of \$33,688.28.

The statement further shows collections received from taxpayers for 1936 of \$3,206,901.69, interest \$37.48, total \$3,206,939.17. Of the above total the amount of \$2,000,000.00 was transferred to Secretary of Treasury of the United States for credit of Maryland Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund, leaving in bank to the credit of the Unemployment Compensation Division the sum of \$1,206,939.17.

A detailed statement showing the persons employed, the dates on which they reported for work, and the salary payments to them to March 31st, 1937 was appended to the statement.

After consideration of the report the Board approved it and ordered it filed.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*Joseph C. McCluskey*  
Secretary.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF MAY 26TH, 1937.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Unemployment Compensation Division, Baltimore Trust Building, Baltimore, on May 26th, 1937.

Present -

Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.  
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

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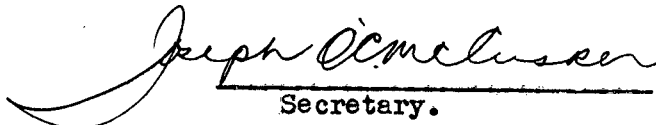
The Comptroller announced that Mr. P. D. Harvey had resigned as a member of the State Advisory Council.

Upon motion duly made and seconded and carried the resignation was accepted.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, Mr. Arthur R. Tyler was elected as a member of the State Advisory Council to succeed Mr. P. D. Harvey, resigned.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF JUNE 23RD, 1937.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board of Public Works, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on June 23rd, 1937.

Present -

Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.  
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

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The Secretary presented to the Board a statement from William Milnes Maloy, Chief Executive Director, Unemployment Compensation Division, showing the following items -

Exhibit A - Statement of Contributions Received  
During the Period from January 1st,  
1937 to May 31st, 1937.

Exhibit B - Statement of Budget Receipts and Disbursements.

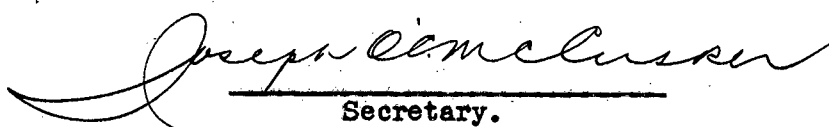
Exhibit C - Trial Balance as of May 31st, 1937.

Exhibit D - List of Employees Appointed as of May 31st, 1937.

The Board reviewed the statements and instructed the Secretary to file it.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF APRIL 7TH, 1937.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Governor, Annapolis, Maryland, on April 7th, ( Wednesday), 1937.

Present:

Harry W. Nice, Governor.  
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.  
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Mr. Wm. H. Blakeman, State Budget Director, also attended the meeting.

*Md. St. Ref. for males*

Mr. Blakeman took up with the Board the question of maintenance of the Penal Farm.

The Board authorized the operating expenses of the Penal Farm out of receipts from the forthcoming sale of bonds of the General Bond Issue of 1937, on June 15th, 1937, but took the position it would not authorize any construction work between the date of the meeting and the date of sale of the bonds. Any construction program would be given consideration after the sale of bonds of the June 15th, 1937 installment of the General Bond Issue of 1937.

The Secretary took up with the Board the matter of having engraved the bonds of the General Bond Issue of 1937. Quotations were received from Security Banknote Company and E. A. Wright Banknote Company, the former quoting a price of 36¢ per bond and the latter a price of 34¢ per bond.

The Board voted to accept the offer of the E. A. Wright Banknote Company, and authorized the Secretary to proceed with the work of having the bonds prepared.

*Tiderratus Fisheries*

The Secretary took up with the Board a file of correspondence which had been held in the pending file for sometime, relative to the appropriation made by the General Assembly of 1935, of \$12,500.00 each for the fiscal years 1936 and 1937, for damage to oyster beds in Pocomoke Sound caused by operations of the Federal Government, and contingent upon the dredging of a channel in Pocomoke Sound by the Federal Government, this expenditure or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works.

The Attorney General has given an opinion, dated November 20th, 1936, to the effect that he did not believe the fund could be used for the purchase of rights of way across some land. The General Assembly of 1937 amended the law so that it would be possible to acquire out of the money appropriated the rights in question. The Governor stated that it was his intention to sign the bill.

Under the circumstances, it is now in order for the Board to proceed with the acquisition of the rights in question when the bill is signed by the Governor.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Springfield State Hospital, dated February 19th, 1937, in which the Hospital advised it was facing a serious difficulty in the Budget as written for the current year.

The Secretary was instructed to turn the correspondence over to Mr. Wm. H. Blakeman, State Budget Director, with the request that he make an investigation of the matter and report to the Board.

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The Secretary took up with the Board some correspondence which the Comptroller's Office has had with the Attorney General and the State's Attorney for Cecil County, relative to a claim which the State has against Ex-sheriff Albert G. Buckworth of Cecil County, in the amount of \$3,889.29. Suit has been entered against Mr. Buckworth. The State's Attorney for Cecil County and the State Law Department are in receipt of an offer to settle the case on a basis of 50% of the amount of our claim, after certain expenses amounting to approximately \$400.00 have been allowed Mr. Buckworth. The State's Attorney for Cecil County and the State Law Department recommend the acceptance of the offer.

The Board approved the suggestion that the case be settled on the basis stated.

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The following letter from Mr. F. W. Besley, State Forester, dated February 20th, 1937, was read and considered -

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

February 20, 1937.

Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

I request approval for the purchase of approximately 116 acres of land in Charles County, Maryland, to be added to the Cedarville State Forest, the tract described as follows:-

Approximately 116 acres of land, at \$4 per acre, from T. Cecil Gardiner and wife. The tract is practically all wooded and it lies along the western boundary of the Cedarville State Forest and a county road. It is eminently suited for state forest acquisition and will give us a connection to a county road, which is very desirable. The price is the same that was paid per acre for the original tract comprising the Cedarville forest and its purchase can be fully recommended from money standing to the credit of the Forest Reserve Fund, derived from income from state forest land.

Very truly yours,

/s/ F. W. Besley,

State Forester.

The Board voted to approve Mr. Besley's request, as outlined in the foregoing letter.

Budget

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Henry M. Warfield, President of the Baltimore Association of Commerce, relative to budgetary matters, etc.

The Board decided that nothing could be done at this time, because the Legislature had passed the Budget, <sup>The Bond</sup> Issue Bill and also the Relief Bill, and had adjourned, and that it would be in order for the State Department to administer the laws as passed.

Tidewater Fisheries

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Robert F. Duer, Chairman of the Conservation Department, dated February 18th, 1937, reading as follows -

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

February 18, 1937.

Mr. Joseph O. McCusker, Secretary,  
Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

Your letter of February 10, 1937 to the Conservation Commission relative to the sale of the power boat Choptank, received.

We have no offer for the boat at the present time and could not sell as the boat is being used for patrolling purposes, but as it is antiquated, we thought, that if the Board would give us permission that we could sell it at a later date. However, we will get an offer on it and let you know later.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Robert F. Duer,

Chairman.

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The Board decided to withhold any action in the matter pending receipt of a definite offer from the Conservation Department for the purchase of the Boat.

The following letter from the University of Maryland, dated February 27th, 1937, was read and considered -

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND  
College Park

February 27, 1937.

Mr. J. O. McCusker  
Chief Deputy Comptroller  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

In order to complete the W.P.A. Dairy Barns Project, it is necessary for us to request the transfer of \$2,500 from our 1933 Purchase of Land Account to the W.P.A. Project No. 283. This transfer, if approved, will supplement the \$8,100 which was transferred under date of January 13, 1936.

The Board of Regents at its meeting on Friday, February 19, 1937, approved this request and it will be very much appreciated if you can arrange to make the transfer.

With best regards, I am

Yours very truly,

/s/ H. T. Casbarian,

H. T. Casbarian,  
Comptroller.

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cc Dr. H. C. Byrd.

The Board voted to approve the request outlined in the foregoing letter.

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The following letter from State Teachers College, Salisbury, Maryland, dated March 8th, 1937, was read and considered -

STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE  
Salisbury, Md.

March 8th, 1937.

Mr. J. O. McCusker, Secretary,  
Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:

At the suggestion of Superintendent Cook, I am referring to you a letter from Mr. Hill of the York Ice Machinery Corporation, which letter is self-explanatory.

We shall appreciate your consent to sell the equipment referred to by Mr. Hill, since this equipment was used in connection with our first college building unit and is not in use at the present time.

Very truly yours,

/s/ J. D. Blackwell

President.

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enc.

The Board voted to approve the recommendation in the foregoing letter with the understanding that the receipts from sale of the equipment were to be remitted to the General Treasury.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request from Mr. Wooten, one of the Watchmen in the State Buildings, that he be allowed to buy one of the old beds removed from the Executive Mansion prior to the renovation of the building. At the present time the old bed is stored in one of the rooms in the basement of the State House.

The Board authorized the sale of the bed to Mr. Wooten at a nominal sum.

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Property*

The following letter from the Maryland Veterans' Commission, dated March 31st, 1937, was read and considered -

MARYLAND VETERANS' COMMISSION

March 31, 1937.

Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

For the three months ending March 31, 1937, under your authorization, we have been carrying on our rolls as a "temporary employee", Mr. James J. McGuirk at a salary of \$100 a month. It is now our desire to continue Mr. McGuirk in the same status for three months beginning April 1, 1937, and the purpose of this letter is to respectfully ask your authority for the same.

Very truly yours,

MARYLAND VETERANS COMMISSION

BY /s/ Thomas B.R. Mudd,  
Chairman.

The Board voted to approve the request contained in the foregoing letter.

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The following letter from General Reckord, dated April 1st, 1937, was read and considered -

STATE OF MARYLAND  
MILITARY DEPT  
ANNAPOLIS

April 1, 1937.

Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Attention of Chief Deputy Comptroller Joseph O'C. McCusker.

Gentlemen:-

Request is hereby made that an advance of \$5000.00 be granted this Department against the \$20,000.00 to be allocated from the federal grant.

This Department has been able to secure considerable aid from the federal Government but it is necessary that the Department maintain a small operating cash account for contingencies and to supplement federal assistance.

It is absolutely necessary that the \$5,000.00 be advanced in order to keep the work in progress. Failure on the part of the State would necessitate the Government withdrawing the federal assistance now being received and would stop all work immediately that is in progress.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Milton A. Reckord,  
Major General,  
Maryland National  
Guard.



The Secretary was requested to communicate with General Reckord, and ask that the Board be advised of the work in progress at this time for which it is important that \$5,000 be advanced from State Funds.

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The following letter from Sol Bloom, Director General, U. S. Constitution Sesquicentennial Commission, dated April 6th, 1937, was read and considered -

UNITED STATES  
CONSTITUTION SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

524 House Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C.

April 6, 1937

Dear Governor Nice:

Your kind letter of April 5th received in which you advise that my request for the loan of the portrait of William Paca, by C. W. Peale, for the coming Exhibition, which this Commission is sponsoring, has been forwarded to the Board of Public Works.

I shall appreciate it if you will also forward to this Board, the enclosed copy of a letter from Mr. Aspinwall, President of the Security Storage Company, which outlines the general agreement concerning the handling of the portraits; also the pamphlet of suggestions to lenders of the portraits. Please note that the Commission will pay for all expenses incurred.

Thanking you for your courtesy and cooperation in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Sol Bloom  
Director General

Honorable Harry W. Nice  
Governor  
State of Maryland  
Annapolis, Maryland.

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The Board approved the request of the United States Constitution Sesquicentennial Commission, and authorized the Secretary to make the necessary arrangements with Mr. Bloom for the loan of the portrait of William Paca.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter addressed to the State Treasurer's Office by Mr. Elmer E. Hammond, State Engineer, relative to the condition of Pier 8 Light Street used by the State Tobacco Warehouse for loading and unloading tobacco hogsheads on barges.

The Secretary was requested to refer the correspondence to Mr. Wm. H. Blakeman, for investigation and report.

The Comptroller submitted to the Board a statement showing operating expenses for the Emergency Gross Receipts Tax Division and the Relief Tax Division for the period October 1st, 1936 to March 31st, 1937, there being a total expenditure of \$105,534.24 of which \$35,735.05 was allocated to the Gross Receipts Tax Division and \$69,799.19 allocated to the Relief Tax Division.

The Board approved the report and ordered it filed.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from the State Law Department, relative to claim against the Eutaw Savings Bank for a balance of about \$700.00 standing in the name of Stevenson Archer. The letter is as follows -

THE STATE LAW DEPARTMENT

November 13, 1936.

Hon. William S. Gordy, Jr.,  
State Comptroller,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Gordy:-

You will recall that I had some conversation with you in regard to the claim against the Eutaw Savings Bank for a balance of about \$700.00, standing in the name of Stevenson Archer. Mr. Harlan of Belair, called to see me this morning and states that he now represents the Administrator, and suggests that the case be compromised on a fifty-fifty basis. Please let me know what you think of this.

I made demand on the Bank on behalf of the State, and have in the file, copy of a letter from Mr. Stevenson A. Williams, who was one of Archer's Trustees, in which he admitted that the money belonged to the State, for the reason that the bonds which were hypothecated for a loan to Archer, were subsequently sold and the balance credited to his account, were the property of the State of Maryland. I believe this letter will be admissible in evidence, as an admission against interest, but the case is not an open and shut one as you realize.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Wm. L. Henderson,

Asst. Attorney  
General.

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The Board approved a settlement on a basis of 50% of the amount of the State's claim if the State Law Department felt this advisable.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the following letter dated March 23rd, 1937 from the State Department of Forestry -

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

March 23rd, 1937.

Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

Approval is requested for the purchase of a tract of land in Prince George's County to be added to the Cedarville State Forest, and described as follows:

Owned by Ernest I. Mudd, containing 38 acres at \$2. per acre. This tract borders the Cedarville State Forest, and lies between the State Forest and the William Proctor tract, for which we have approval of purchase, both by the Board of Regents and the Board of Public Works, and constitutes another part of the tract purchased from the same parties a few months ago, which they were not willing to sell at that time.

Very truly yours,

/s/ F. W. Besley,

State Forester.

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The Board voted to approve the request outlined in the foregoing letter.

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The Secretary presented to the Board a lease submitted by Wilson Line, Inc., lessee of pier 8 Light Street, Baltimore, owned by the State. The lease is a renewal of a lease previously entered into between the State and Wilson Line, Inc., for the rental by the latter of the Pier property. The lease is for a period of five years from May 1st, 1937, terminating April 30th, 1942 at a yearly rental of \$2,000.00, payable in semi-annual installments on the first day of May and the first of November in advance during each of the five years of the term of the lease.

The Board approved the lease and authorized the signing of it by the members of the Board.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a deed from the State Roads Commission and the Board of Public Works to Cyrus C. J. Pumphrey covering certain land in Anne Arundel County, which is no longer needed for State roads purposes.

The Board authorized the execution of the deed by the members of the Board of Public Works.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request which the Comptroller's Office had received by telephone for funds for the University of Maryland for payment in connection with contracts the University has with the Riley Stoker Company for power plant work at College Park.

The Board had previously authorized the University of Maryland to proceed with the work, with the understanding that payment therefor would come from money to be received from the United States Government

in connection with grants made by the Federal Government on construction work at Spring Grove State Hospital and Eastern Shore State Hospital. The State has not as yet received from the Federal Government payment of these grants. The Board decided that nothing could be done in connection with making any money available to the University of Maryland until such time as the money is received from the Federal Government and from premium to be received in connection with the sale of bonds of the General Bond Issue of 1937.

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The Board considered amendments from several State Agencies and conferred with the Governor in approving them. The budget amendments are for the following agencies -

Bowie Normal School  
State Teachers College at Towson  
Comm'r of Motor Vehicles  
Board of Motion Picture Censors  
State Department of Health  
Springfield State Hospital  
Crownsville State Hospital  
Rosewood State Training School  
State Roads Commission

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Mr. Blakeman took up with the Governor and the members of the Board a proposed amendment to the budget of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, whereby the salary of the Commissioner would be increased to \$6,000.00 as of May 1st, 1937. Mr. Blakeman explained that it was the purpose in increasing the salary at this time to make it effective at the beginning of the new term of office of the Commissioner to put the salary on the same basis as it will be for the fiscal years 1938 and 1939, in the budgets for which years the Legislature provided a salary of \$6,000.00 per year for the Commissioner.

The Board was desirous of having legal advice as to whether it was within its rights in increasing the salary of the Commissioner at this time, and authorized Mr. Blakeman to communicate with the Attorney General and ascertain if it will be in order to approve the amendment at this time to increase the salary as of May 1st, 1937 so that Mr. Rudy, the Commissioner, would receive salary at the increased rate beginning with his new term of office.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Joseph C. McElusker*  
Secretary.

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The Secretary read a letter from Springfield State Hospital, dated March 29, 1937, asking for authority to charge from the Institution's books the sum of \$660.00 in the case of Clara B. Booth, a reimbursing patient. A copy of letter from the State Law Department recommending the request was also read. The Board approved the request of the Hospital that it be permitted to charge this amount from its books.